943.22
S115

THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL
SEMINARY LIBRARY
CHELSEA SQUARE, NEW YORK II, N. Y.

Dean Hoffman Fund

D & T BDY

A GIRL'S BOOK OF PRAYERS

A GIRL'S BOOK OF PRAYERS

BY

MARGARET SLATTERY

THE PILGRIM PRESS
BOSTON NEW YORK CHICAGO

COPYRIGHT, 1914
BY LUTHER H. CARY

60632
243.22
Sl 15

THE·PLIMPTON·PRESS
NORWOOD·MASS·U·S·A

TO MY FRIENDS

THE GIRLS

CONTENTS

PAGE

RAYER FOR ALL GIRLS 3
ORNING PRAYER 5
EVENING PRAYER 6

GIRL'S PRAYERS FOR OTHER GIRLS

RAYER FOR THE GIRL AWAY FROM HOME 11
RAYER FOR THE FIRST NIGHT AT COLLEGE 13
RAYER FOR THE GIRL IN TRAINING . . 15
RAYER FOR THE FIRST DAY AT WORK . 17
RAYER FOR THE GIRL WHO IS DISCOURAGED 20
RAYER FOR THE GIRL WHO HAS WEALTH 22
RAYER FOR THE GIRL WHO IS POOR . . 24
RAYER FOR THE GIRL WHO MUST GIVE
HER PLANS 26
RAYER FOR THE GIRL TO WHOM GREAT
APPINESS COMES 28
RAYER FOR THE GIRL TO WHOM SORROW
OMES 30
RAYER FOR THE GIRL OF THE STREETS . 32
RAYER FOR THE GIRL GRADUATE . . . 34
RAYER FOR MISSIONARIES 36

CONTENTS

A GIRL'S PRAYERS FOR HERSELF

A Prayer for the Selfish Girl . . .
A Prayer for the Girl with a Temper
A Prayer for the Girl who Is Proud
A Prayer for the Girl who Deceives
A Prayer for the Girl whose Thoughts Are Evil . . . . . .
A Prayer for the Girl who Procrastinates

A GIRL'S PRAYERS FOR SPECIAL DAYS

A Prayer for Sunday . . . . . .
A Prayer for the New Year . . . . .
A Prayer for Easter . . . . . .
A Prayer for Thanksgiving Day . . .
A Christmas Prayer . . . . . .

A GIRL'S BOOK OF PRAYERS

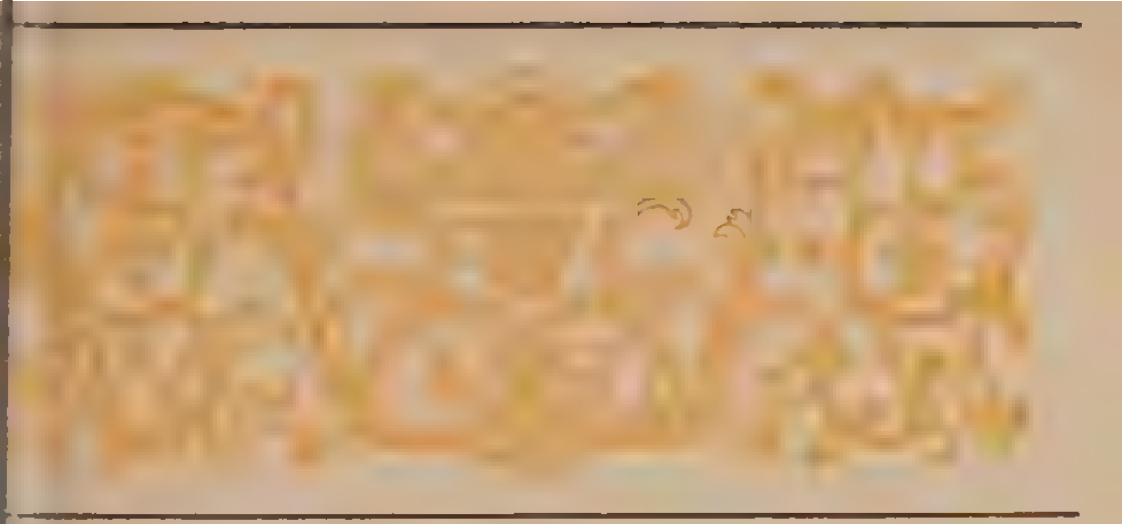
A PRAYER FOR ALL GIRLS

THOU Maker of the mothers of men, look we beseech Thee in great mercy and love upon the mothers of the generations to be — the light-hearted, fun-loving, sure-seeking, hope-inspired girls of our Redeem them from the curse of self-lgence, spare them from days of idle , guard their passions, control their lips, fy their souls. If their lot be cast in erty's dull round of days deliver them the temptations that like deadly beasts rey lie in wait for girls who suffer the tations of the poor. Raise up for them, ray Thee, friends who, seeing the future ae sons and daughters of girls who strain y backs and drag tired feet through

days of toil, shall protect them from
greed and short-sightedness of men.

Because of their helplessness and hop
ness, their possibilities and power, thei
joyment of life, their confidence in
their persistent pursuit of ideals, their
need of Thee, we pray Thee in tende
and compassion, guard our girls, and
them. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Ame

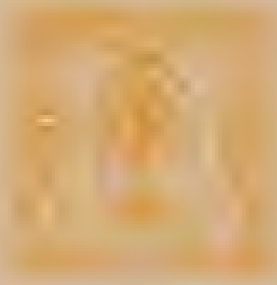


A MORNING PRAYER

FOR all the good things that this new day has for me, I thank Thee, dear heavenly Father. Help me by my words and acts show my gratitude to Thee for all Thy oodness.

Keep me, I pray Thee, from temptation id sin today and make my thoughts pure id my heart true to Thee. Give me urage and strength to bear any trial or ardship I may meet today. Teach me to e generous and thoughtful of others. I me to Thee for help to be patient, loving, rgiving, and kind as Jesus was. I thank hee for his friendship and his great love, nd in his name I pray. *Amen.*

AN EVENING PRAYER



EAR FATHER, I come to The
at the close of the day to thar
Thee again for Thy love. Fo
give me, I pray, for all th
mistakes and the sin Thou hast seen in m
today, for I am truly sorry for the things i
my life that I know do not please Thee.
thank Thee for Thy promise to forgive an
trust me in spite of my failures.

Bless the people who need Thee all ove
the world and give strength and courage t
all who are serving others. Bless those
who are dear to me and protect them from
evil, I pray Thee.

I thank Thee for Thy tender care that
watches over Thy children through the night

d for Thy great gift to us in Thy Son,
sus Christ my friend and Saviour, in
nose name I pray. *Amen.*

A GIRL'S PRAYERS FOR OTHER GIRLS

A PRAYER FOR THE GIRL AWAY FROM HOME

THOU loving Friend of all who need Thee, we come to ask Thy blessing upon the friendless girl away from home, among strangers in a strange land. As alone, homesick, and filled with longing for faces that are dear and voices that speak her name she sits in some room looking out upon the hundreds that go their way with no thought of her, make her conscious that the God of her home-land is near. In the prayers of her childhood help her to find Thee a comfort and strength. Grant to her patience and courage to seek the things for which she hoped and dreamed when she

left all she loved to cross the unknown se
In Thy mercy protect her from all who wou
take advantage of her ignorance and lon
liness. Raise up from among the girls
this land friends for the stranger girl in the
midst. Grant that as she serves them
their homes, ministers to their needs
great hotels, turns out for them from th
crashing machinery of a thousand factori
the things they love to wear, that they ma
give to her in return their sympathy and b
the strength of their interest in her welfa
procure for her justice and a fair chance.

O Thou, who once Thyself a stranger i
a strange land, art able to understand, bles
her in her loneliness and strengthen us a
to consider her our neighbor and to love he
as ourselves. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE FIRST NIGHT AT COLLEGE

EAR us, we pray Thee, our Father, as we remember the girl who with thousands of others has this week left home, mpanions, dear familiar faces, streets over ich since a little child she has traveled church, to school, to play, that she may ter her castle of dreams — college.

When on this first night of strangeness and eat loneliness the rosy dream seems gray d the longing to go back, even for a mo- ent, to all that is dear sweeps over her ul, comfort her Thou Christ who was ung and lonely and can understand. rengthen her will; help her even in her mesickness to remember the high purpose

which has led her to college; keep her id unveiled before her; show her the la place of service and happiness that awa her. Even in this moment of weakn let the knowledge that the only way which one can comfort herself is to for herself send her out to seek another g as lonely as she and whisper to her th tomorrow all will be different. Give h the courage to sit down and write a wo of gratitude and cheer to the father w misses her though proud that she has gon and the mother who wishes her back y would not have her come.

If when the lights are out and the gre hall is still she cannot keep back the tear help her to speak to Thee, to ask Th blessing upon all whom she loves. Tur her thoughts, we pray Thee, to the days t come, the friends to be, the good times i store, the great things to be lived an learned. Thou who art Creator of a un verse and the heart of a girl, give her slee and peace. Through Jesus Christ, ou Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE GIRL IN TRAINING

LORD, we come to thank Thee for all those who in the past have given years of their girlhood to definite training for at tasks. For the nurses, the teachers, librarians, the social workers who spend ir days in the effort to save humanity m sickness, ignorance, and sin, accept our titude. Grant to all girls now in train- for these high and noble callings courage l patience to submit themselves to days l years of study, practise, and discipline, t they may be able better to serve the mmon good. Give them, we pray Thee, calmness that comes with the forget-

fulness of self in ministry to others, enthusiasm and joy that are the rew of those who find their own pleasure in eager interest of youth and the shouts childish glee.

When the days of training seem long a eager to stand alone, to test themselves, go out into the larger world, they fret un restrictions, may the memory of Thine o long years of quiet preparation, Thou gre Healer of the sick, Thou Teacher and Lo of mankind, help them to await patien the day when, fit instruments for great tas they shall enter upon the work waiti for them. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST DAY AT WORK

UR FATHER and our Friend, we come to ask Thy special blessing upon those who today go out to join, for the first time, great army of girls who must labor with ir hands for their daily bread. May hope for promotion and success, which s their souls now on this first morning, with them through days and weeks to ıe, helping them to keep faithfully and ıdily at their tasks, until their very hfulness shall win for them the goal. ıch them so to use their leisure hours t there shall never be for them any days regret and nights of tears. Shield them,

we beseech Thee, from all that can lo
their ideals of dress, of speech, of thoug
and of love.

We thank Thee for the noble sacri
of countless girls who toil. As they pl
in a weary mother's hands the price of th
week's work, as they go out with their ha
earned money to pay for food, shoes
children's feet, rent that the family m
find shelter, grant that the happiness wh
is the reward of the self-forgetful may
their souls. We thank Thee for all the h
of girls who, working in the midst of selfi
ness and greed, have kept their souls p
and strong. May those who this morn
start upon their first day's work choose
companions, make the friends, obey
desires that shall keep them pure in heart.

Awaken, O God, the consciences of t
men and women who are employers of gi
With the keen thrust of the sword of T
Spirit make them feel their responsibili
that no girl shall be compelled to ea
in places of danger to body or soul,
right to live.

Walk by the side of the girl on her way to
first day of work to guide and protect
we pray Thee, O Master Workman
Brother of all who toil. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE GIRL WH IS DISCOURAGED

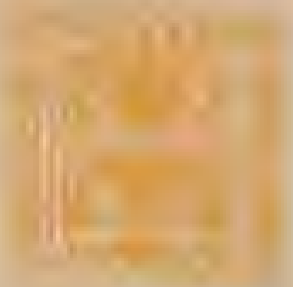
UPON all girls who this ni are disappointed and disco aged, we pray for Thy blessi Thou loving and compassion Father of us all. If through some fault her own, because she has failed to obey laws that lead to happiness and succ discouragement and disappointment ha come to her, inspire her heart with t knowledge that with Thee there is streng to overcome failure.

If through weakness and sin she h parted with her birthright of happiness a hope, pity her Thou strong Brother of t weak and give to her the courage to beg again.

f through the ignorance or selfishness
others she is plunged into the depths of
couragement, and bitter disappointment
all of life fills her heart, grant to her
tice, O Lord. Help those who love Thee
stand together and fight with all their
ght against the greed that robs girlhood
its right to courage and happiness. For-
e us that, well content with our own
ievements, we close our eyes to the
uggle of the girl who asks only for a living
ge.

Wherever in all the world there are girls
ose hearts are discouraged, grant that
e friendship and sympathy of other girls
ay give them hope. Help us all to live
ery day conscious of Thy presence, that
en discouragement and disappointment
all come to us we may find in Thee power
triumph and be strong. Through Jesus
rist, our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE GIRL WHO HAS WEALTH

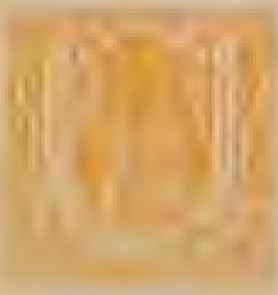


EAR us, great God, our Father, as we come to pray for Thy blessing upon the girl into whose keeping Thou hast put great riches. Keep her, we pray Thee, from thoughtlessness, selfishness, and false pride. Help her to feel the responsibility which rests upon all those who have, for all those who have not. Grant to her a love for all girls and especially for those who must live their lives under the heavy pressure of needs that cannot be met. Forbid that she should give the strength of her body and mind in a ceaseless round of pleasure. Help her to overcome all the subtle temptations of the circle in which she moves and spare her the

rse of complacent satisfaction with herself. ve her eyes that see and a heart that derstands the common longings, hopes, d fears of all girls both rich and poor. ve her from the mere giving of money thout cost to herself. With her gifts ay she give love and that true friendship nich destroys jealousies and overcomes isunderstandings.

With all her possession grant, dear Lord, at she may possess the happiness which ld can never buy. Speak to her, Thou ving Christ, as Thou hast spoken in the st to those who have great possessions d grant her the wisdom to follow Thee on Thine errands of compassion and ve. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE GIRL WHO IS POOR



NTO Thee, the Father an
Friend of those who suffer fro
poverty's heavy hand, we com
to ask Thy blessing upon a
girls who struggle against the cold of winte
the heat of scorching summer days, agains
hunger and sickness, discouragement an
fear. Strengthen them as they toil in th
hope of some day winning out in the bitte
fight. Encourage them by the lives of thos
who, from the very depths of poverty, hav
climbed to places of plenty and of ric
service to their fellowmen. Protect, w
pray Thee, the daughters of the poor fro
the dangers of the street and the tempta

ns of the selfish and wicked. Grant that
e girls who struggle for a livelihood may,
ove everything, be kept pure in heart.
ve them, we beseech Thee, success in
eir honest endeavor and a just reward
their efforts.

O God, help Thy servants, who profess
love Thee, to honestly seek to discover
e causes for poverty and to count no
crifice too great to pay if they may find
way by which to save their fellowmen
m its deadening blight. Forgive us, we
ay Thee, that having enough for ourselves,
are careless of the welfare of our neigh-
rs. Lay upon the hearts of all who live
comfort the heavy burden of the girls
o live in want and by the power of the
e of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who having
en poor can understand, help us win the
tory over poverty and greed. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE GIRL WHO MUST GIVE UP HER PLANS

GOD, we come tonight to ask that in Thy mercy and love Thou wilt help the girl whom duty has commanded to give up her own cherished plans. Help her to know that however it may seem, it is true that Thou art ruler over all circumstance and Thou dost not plan failure for any girl. Strengthen her heart that with cheerfulness and without complaint she may accept Thy will. Save her from the fretfulness that wearies and the rebellion that destroys happiness. May the strength of character and power to help others which come from loyal devotion to duty be hers. Show her as the days pass that only in the doing

the thing that ought to be done, can
ppiness be won. Grant to her friendship,
e love and gratitude of those she serves,
d the great joy which comes to those who
right in spite of the cost.

May the blessed Christ who in the garden
id aside his own will to follow the plan
his God walk by the side of the girl
ho must give up her plans, to comfort and
rengthen her soul. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE GIRL TO WHOM GREAT HAPPINESS COMES

THOU who in all our experienc
dost have a share, who can
understand not only the sorrow
and disappointments of life bu
the gay laughter of little children and th
joys of girlhood, we kneel to pray The
to grant Thy blessing upon the girl int
whose life great happiness has come. Nov
when the desires of her heart have come t
her, when the things she longed for mos
are hers and life seems all sunshine and th
future glows with promise, help her t
remember Thee. As she came to Thee i
her sorrow, as she knelt in Thy presence
to plead for the things she wanted so much

lp her now, in gratitude for her great ppiness, to come also to Thee.

Grant, O Lord, that her own happiness ay not blind her eyes. May the joy that s come to her increase her sympathy for ose who do not share her blessings, who ust wait in patience for the fulfilling of eir hopes and the answer to their prayers. ay her happiness make her thoughtful others and quick to see their need.

Help her, O Lord, to accept this gift of ppiness from Thee not as a right but as great privilege for which Thou wilt hold r responsible in the days to come. Guard d protect her, we pray Thee, as with smiles on her face, songs upon her lips and in r heart she goes about her transformed sks with joy. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE GIRL TO WHOM SORROW COMES

UR HEAVENLY FATHER, ruler over life and death, we come to ask Thee to remember in mercy this night the girl whose heart is filled with sorrow, from whose home and life one she loves has gone. Speak to her in her suffering and help her to bear her grief. Surround her, we pray Thee, with the sympathy of loving friends and make her sure that her bitter loss is her loved one's gain — that in the land just the other side of the dark door of death there is justice and joy where, free from all the pain and sin of earth, one may live and work and love.

Help her, O Lord, to be patient in her pain,

trust Thee in the darkness and the mys-
y, to know that Thou art love and love
kind. Teach her to look forward to the
y when she shall see again the face she
s loved and that is hidden from her for
hile. Comfort her when she remembers
e things she has left undone, the words
oken in thoughtlessness, by the knowl-
ge that these are all forgotten and only
e memories of earth's sweetness and joy
n remain. Make her conscious of Thy
esence, O God, not as one far away in the
eat unknown land, but nearer than all
no love her and waiting with more tender
mpassion to give her rest and peace.

Grant to her, we pray, the trust of a little
ild who, though her face is stained with
ars, can hold in the dark her father's
nd and go to sleep. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE GIRL OF THE STREETS

LORD, how few of the girls who have everything reach out a helping hand to the girls who have nothing! How eagerly we go to our own good times without a thought of them! Forgive us we pray Thee, for our selfishness and show us how to help the girls who want good times and have no place to go where guarded and protected they are safe. Speak, we pray Thee, to the hearts of all who serve Thee that they may awaken from indifference and carelessness and see that girls who get their pleasure upon the city streets find it easy to do wrong. Help our city officials to care. Make them strong and courageous enough to compel

en to obey the law. Give wisdom to thers and mothers that they may warn eir girls of danger and teach them to shun mptation. Pity and pardon, we beseech nee, the girls who have been overcome by il, who have lost their ideals and must ffer disgrace and shame. Send them iends who shall speak to their souls and ve them hope. If any girl this night is mpted to disobey the warnings of her vn heart, rescue her from the power of e tempter and set her free, Thou blessed hrist, victor over all evil, friend and helper all who sin. *Amen.*

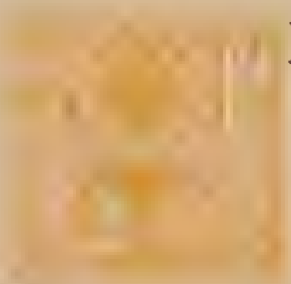
A PRAYER FOR THE GIRL GRADUATE

REAT GOD, our Father, loo
ing up at blue skies and o
over Thy world throbbing wit
life and promise and beauti
with flowers, we pray for the welfare of t
thousands of girls young and rich in ho
who leave our schools and colleges to
bravely out into their new worlds. Ma
they miss none of life's good things. Giv
them large places to fill, great opportunitie
to meet; success that is clean and free fro
the stain of injustice to another; health
happiness, and enough of wealth to lift lif
above the deadly grind and to share wit
those who need.

Grant, we pray, that in the honest seek-
g after these things they may not miss
ee. Meet every girl in the rush of toil, in
e temptations that lurk by the way, in
e leisure hours, in the far field of lonely
vice, and when, as the years pass, so
any of them will hold their children in
eir arms.

O God, by the compelling power of
sus Christ, our Lord, pursue their souls —
at with something of his purpose and his
ssion, having received much they may
ve all, serving their fellows and forgetting
emselves. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR MISSIONARIES



EAR us, our Father, as we pr
for all who have left their hom
to serve Thy needy childr
in our own and other lan
Grant to them great joy in their work. He
them to be patient, teach them to be wi
Forgive us, the girls at home, that we
easily forget them and leave them to me
their burdens without our interest, sympath
and help. When we remember all the thing
we have, that they of their own choice ar
denied, we are ashamed that we have no
done the little things so easily done by thos
who care. Help us, we pray Thee, that o
the holidays of the home-land, on thei
birthdays, we may take the time to write
word of appreciation and love to these wh

e giving every day of every week to lift
· and make happy those whose only claim
on them is their great need.

Grant a special blessing, we pray Thee,
on the girls who have gone this year from
nools and colleges into a life of ser-
e for their fellowmen. Let nothing rob
em of their courage and enthusiasm, and
ien hard and lonely days come, and dif-
ulties get in the way, give them the joy
remembering that they have chosen to
nd their lives in obeying the last command
our Lord and Master, and his promise
stand by them and be with them will
ver fail. *Amen.*

A GIRL'S PRAYERS FOR HERSELF

A PRAYER FOR THE SELFISH GIRL

HEAVENLY FATHER, with shame and sorrow I come to Thee to confess that I am a selfish girl, careless of others, pending all my thought upon myself. There are so many things I want for myself hat I forget everyone else; there is so nuch I am interested in and want to do, hat I forget that others have plans they long o carry out. Forgive me for the pain I ause my parents, for the disappointment am to my friends. I am so often wretched nd unhappy because of the selfishness which no one can fail to see. I know that people cannot love a selfish girl. O teach me to want to make others happy; make

me loving and kind; open my eyes to s
things I may do for others.

Thou art strong, O God, and Thou ca
give help to those who are weak. H
me, for I have tried so many times a
failed. Make me think so often of Je
Christ and his loving service for all tha
must follow him. Save me from mys
O Lord, I pray. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE GIRL WITH A TEMPER

COME to Thee in failure and disgrace, O Lord, who in Thy mercy hast promised to forgive all who repent. My heart is ed with sorrow for what I have done. God, forgive me for the outburst of temper d the hot angry words that I have spoken. did not really mean them, but they have en said and those who heard will not rget. How can I be forgiven for all the in I cause those who love me and for all e trouble I make! Help me to see how tle the things that provoke me, really atter. Make me remember that nothing ever accomplished by my anger.

O teach me to think quickly of Chr
when anger rises in my heart. Give
the spirit of forgiveness, the love for othe
that made him patient under the greate
provocation.

I am weak and I fail again and again.
God, help me to believe that Thou art al
to guard my lips, to calm my anger, to gi
me the victory over my sin. Help me
live every day of my life as in Thy ho
presence so that when temptation comes
may turn quickly to Thee and trust Th
to do for me all that I have failed to do f
myself. Through Jesus Christ, our Lo
and Saviour. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE GIRL WHO IS PROUD

GOD, who dost look into every heart and whom none can deceive for a moment, I come to Thee to ask forgiveness for my in. O Lord, I am no better than other girls. I am selfish and sinful. And yet Thou knowest that when I see girls doing he things I have been taught not to do, when I hear their rough voices and rude peech, when I see their careless dress and bad manners, I am proud in my heart hat I am not like them. I am proud of my home, my dress, my manners, my voice, of everything that makes me different from them. O Lord, help me to remember that I am what I am because

of the wisdom of those who have brought me up and the love that has surrounded me all my life. Teach me to acknowledge that there is no credit due me for voice or dress or manners. Forgive me, O God, for the little I have done with all the advantages that have been mine. Help me to see that a loud voice and bad manners are a misfortune, but that pride is a sin. Make me realize that with Thee what one really is in her heart is the only thing that counts.

O God, the loving Father of all girls, help me to see myself just as I am and save me from pride. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE GIRL WHO DECEIVES

FATHER in heaven, look in mercy upon me, I pray Thee, for I am a girl who deceives. I am conceited, and I am a coward, for I want people to think I am brighter and better than I am. I want them to be interested in me, I want their sympathy, and I cannot let them think me what I really am. And so, O Lord, I have deceived about my marks, cheated in my lessons, and told things that never happened. Sometimes it seems as though I could never learn to be honest. It has become so easy to lie that I hardly know when I am not speaking the truth. The burden of all my deceits is very heavy and I am weary with

trying to explain what I have said and t
cover up what I have done. O Lord, Tho
wilt not despise even the most sinful a
so I can come to Thee asking forgiven
for all the past and for help to fight t
awful sin.

Grant me the courage to speak and li
the truth. O God, make me brave enou
to take the consequences of my past si
and to keep my resolution to escape fro
deceit of every sort. Help me to trust Th
mighty strength to save me and make m
true. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord a
Saviour. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR THE GIRL WHOSE THOUGHTS ARE EVIL

STRONG FRIEND of all who suffer temptation, I come to Thee for help. Give me, O God, the victory over the evil thoughts that so suddenly fill my mind and make me forget everything else. Impure thoughts and thoughts of jealousy, envy, and revenge destroy my happiness. I know it is true that girls who think evil thoughts find it easy to do evil deeds. It is easier for me to think about doing things I once hated. Save me, O Lord, before I yield in some moment of sudden temptation. Teach me to spend so much time and thought in doing things for others that the thoughts I hate shall have no place. Fill my mind with

thoughts of the pure and loving Chris
tender, forgiving, and kind, that he ma
banish everything else. Help me to trus
Thee hour by hour to conquer for me t
things I cannot conquer myself. Contr
my mind and heart, O God. Through Jesu
Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE GIRL WHO PROCRASTINATES

THE memory of all the things I mean to do and never accomplish sends me to Thee in sorrow and shame, O Lord. Every day I plan so many things which are kind and thoughtful and would be of help to others, but I put them off until later and the day passes, night comes, and they are not done. It is so with all my work and with all my duties. I even put off from day to day the fight against the sins I hate. No one can depend on me, few trust me with anything to be done.

Help me to give my heart and mind to one thing until it is accomplished. Help me to heed the advice and warnings of all who love

me and teach me to live in today inste
of tomorrow.

O God, be with me every hour of this d
and hold me to the tasks that should
done, the lessons that should be learn
now. Strengthen by Thy power my we
will and help me to do the things I m
to do. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord a
Saviour. *Amen.*

A GIRL'S PRAYERS FOR SPECIAL DAYS

A PRAYER FOR SUNDAY

N Thy wisdom and justice Thou hast given to us this special day in which to rest, to enjoy our beautiful world, to think of hee and all whom Thou dost love. For-ve us, we pray Thee, that so often in care-ssness and selfishness we forget Thee. On is holy day speak to our hearts and help s to remember the countless blessings Thou ast prepared for our good.

May this be a day which we shall spend as esus did, worshiping Thee in Thy holy mple, walking through fields and by the ke talking of Thee, doing good to all who eed our help. Forbid that through our lfishness the day should be hard for others. each us to be considerate, kind, and just,

doing unto others on this day as on all da
as we would that they should do unto us.

With glad hearts and happy faces may
present to Thee this day our offerings
money, of service, and of love. We tha
Thee, great God, that our little is acceptai
unto Thee and that Thou wilt bless it a
us. Accept, we pray, the worship of lovi
hearts and the devotion of daily lives
which we remember others and forget ou
selves. Through Jesus Christ, our Lo
Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

UR FATHER we come to Thee on this first day of the new year to thank Thee for Thy love and to pray for ourselves and for all girls. Grant to us all a happy new year filled with opportunities for service. Strengthen our wills, we beseech Thee, that we may conquer the evil in our lives and triumph over our temptations. Forgive us, O Lord, for the sins which we have done. Forgive us for the many things which we meant to do and have left undone. Grant us Thy pardon for all the days of the year that has gone when we thought of no one but ourselves. We are so careless and thoughtless. O teach us to be more loving

and kind that we may be this year a blessing to our homes and to all who know us.

So often, our Father, we long to know what the new year shall bring to us. Help us to trust Thee that we may be happy and content. If the year shall bring to some girls hardships and sorrow, may they be brave to meet it with the courage that wins. If the days shall bring to some girls great joy, help them to be generous and teach them because of their own happiness to strive to make others glad.

Go with us, we beseech Thee, into every day of this year, keeping us pure in heart, true to all the highest things, that we may make our world a happier and better place in which to live. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR EASTER

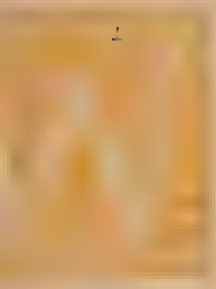
UR FATHER, we come to thank Thee for Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour on this great day of his triumph over sin and death. For the love and tenderness, the glory and power, the hope and comfort of the Risen Christ we praise Thee. May his promise "Because I live ye shall live also" take away all fear and doubt and may the message of music and flowers bring hope and cheer this day to all who sorrow.

For all girls who have lost for awhile those whom they have dearly loved we pray. Help us to bring to them some comfort through our sympathy and love. Because Thou art great and wise, because Thou knowest every girl and can give sympathy

and strength though we fail, we pray th
all girls whose hearts are filled with sorr
and sick with loneliness may speak to Th
and find comfort and peace today.

For all the self-denial, for the sacrifi
and suffering, for the loneliness and misu
derstanding, for the courage and love l
which upon this earth Jesus Christ, o
Lord won for us the assurance that dea
is not the end of life but the beginning
freedom and joy, accept the deepest gra
tude of all our hearts, O God. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING DAY



ITH thankfulness for Thy countless gifts to the girlhood of this fortunate land we come to Thee, our Father. Not be-
use we have deserved it above others, have
l these good things come to us, but as a
sponsibility, that through the girls of our
nd the girlhood of the world may be blest.
Lord, help us not to fail Thee in Thy
ans. Accept, we pray Thee, our deepest
atitude for all the joys that come into
ır lives, for love and home and friends.
ven for the things that are hard we owe
hee gratitude, for Thou art our friend and
ould permit nothing to come to us which
all not through the years work out for

our good. Help us to trust Thy love and have confidence in Thy judgment.

In grateful acknowledgment of all Thy goodness to us accept, we pray Thee, the offering of the best we have in willing service for all who need, the love of our hearts and the devotion of our lives. *Amen.*

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

GOD, my Father, looking up at the shining stars of the cold December sky I remember the patient mother and the rock-
wn manger in lowly Bethlehem, where
cradled Thy love for the world. In the
adows of the silent stall I stand beside the
ild. Speak to my soul as I wait, I pray
ee. Let the trusting, loving spirit of
Child steal into my life until it calms
anxious fears and soothes all bitterness
d pain.

In willing surrender and passionate long-
let me take the Christ Child to my heart,
t henceforth I may live as he lived, love

as he loved, and following in his footstep
bring help to the needy, courage to t
weak, comfort to the sorrowing, and ho
to the lost. *Amen.*

60632
243.22
S115
Slattery, Maragaret
A girl's book of prayers

60632
243.2
S115